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For: FRYERS WHICH DEACTIVATE	)		
BEFORE A LEVEL OF A COOKING	)		
MEDIUM FALLS BELOW A	)		
MINIMUM LEVEL, AND METHODS	)		
OF DEACTIVATING SUCH FRYERS	)		

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks:

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**Conclusion** begins on page 16 of this paper.